GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD - Allegations of irregularities with mala fide intention without sanctioning any sub estimate against LS Provision of Rs.4.95 Lakhs – O&M of CPWS Scheme to Medarametla and others habitations of Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Asst. Engineer, RWS&S Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam Dist. and now holding Full Addl. Charge of Medarametla RWS Section - under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991– Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.216 **Dated:03.03.2016**

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-II and Annexure-III.

3. Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam Dist. and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Additional Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section,

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Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri N.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, Chimakurthy (FAC) Prakasam District and now holding Full Addl. Charge of Medarametla Rural Water Supply Section, Prakasam District through the Engineer-in-Chief, Andhra Pradesh Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Andhra Pradesh Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad (in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy).

Copy to:
The Genl. Admn. (Vig. & Enf.) Department (with reference to Vig. Report No.38 (1064V&E/E2/2013), dt.06.05.2015).
The Secretary to Andhra Pradesh, Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.II) Department.
S.f./S.c.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI N.RAVI KUMAR THE THEN ASST. ENGINEER, RWS&S, SECTION, CHIMAKURTHY (FAC) PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW HIOLDING ASST. ENGINEER (FAC) RWS SECTION, MEDARAMETLA, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

CHARGE 1:

That Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Asst. Engineer (FAC), Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla, has failed to maintain 7F material account register for Alum, Bleaching powder and Chlorine gas procured in "O&M of CPWS Scheme to Medarametla and other Habitations of Prakasam District for the year 2011-12" during his tenure and allowed excess consumption of these materials without any approval from the competent authority by the contractor thereby caused loss to Government exchequer.

BASIS:

As per the General Administration (V&E) Department Vigilance Report No.38 (C.No.1064/V&E/E2/2013) dt.06.05.2015, Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla has allowed contractor sto consume excess disinfection materials in the above work during his tenure without any approval from the competent authority and details are as follows.

As per sanctioned estimate, for supply of 4.421MLD water, the bleaching powder required is estimated as 30.95 Kg/day (7kg/MLD), Alum required is 198.95 Kg/day (45 Kg/MLD) and chlorine gas required is 8.84 Kg/day (2Kg/MLD). Though the water supply was reduced and is varying from 3.308 to 3.843 MLD in different months from 01.08.2011 to 31.03.2012, the usage posted in registers for these materials was as per original estimated quantity of 4.421MLD without any reduction. The quantities utilized as per, registers during 01.08.2011 to 31.03.2012, actual quantity required as per norms and excess cost of involved in usage of materials is tabulated below

S.No	Description of material	Total Water supplied in MLD	Qty of Usage recorded as per registers in Kg.	Actual required Qty in Kg.	Excess Qty Usage recorded in Kg.	Rate / Kg	Excess amount in Rs.
1	Bleaching Powder	869.62478	7403.05	6087.37	1315.68	26.00	34207.68
2	Alum	869.62478	47785.50	39133.12	8652.38	10.98	95003.13
3	Chlorine Gas	869.62478	2161.60	1739.25	422.35	34.50	14571.08
Total cost of excess materials consumed							143781.89

He has not maintained any material account. Only contractor maintained register issuing materials for 4.421 MLD, though the water supply is reduced. It shows that high turbidity issue was brought to answer excess usage issue. The material account of Contractor is not being checked by the field officers, thus an amount of Rs.1,43,782/- was incurred in issue of excess materials for supply of water from 01.08.2011 to 31.03.2012 causing loss to Government exchequer.

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From this it is evident that he has shown Gross negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

CHARGE 2:

That Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Medarametla has prepared sub estimates with reduced water supply and enhanced staff pattern than in technically approved estimate and prepared and submitted O&M K2 agreement bills in 8/2012 i.e., after a lapse of 6 months from the date of closing maintenance period due to which a precausonary loss to Government.

BASIS:

As per the General Administration (Vig. & Enf.) Department Vigilance Report No.38 (C.No.1064/V&E/E2/2013), dt.06.05.2015, Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla has prepared sub estimates with reduced water supply and enhanced staff pattern than in technically approved estimate without getting approval from competent authority which caused loss to the Government Exchequer. All O&M bills he prepared are first and final bills only in 8/2012 and that too 6 months after closure of maintenance period i.e., 31.03.2012. He should prepare bills monthly as K2 Agreements time period is only one month. Release of grant is not bar for timely submission of bills. Though high turbidity demands high usage of Alum and other materials, he should conduct regular lab tests and should obtain necessary permission from the competent authority for enhanced usage of materials. No recorded evidence was furnished regarding lab tests done during his period.

He has not maintain any material account. Only contractor maintained register issuing materials for 4.421 MLD, though the water supply is reduced. The material account of contractor is not beingchecked by the field officers regularly thereby caused loss to Government.

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

CHARGE 3:

That Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla, has failed to submit working estimate of O&M of CPWS Scheme to Medarametla and other habitations of Prakasam District for the year 2011-12 duly incorporating all deviations made during execution.

BASIS:

As per the General Administration (Vig. & Enf.) Department Vigilance Report No.38 (C.No.1064/V&E/E2/2013), dt.06.05.2015, Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla has failed to submit working estimate of O&M of CPWS Scheme to Medarametla and other habitations of Prakasam District for the year 2011-12 duly incorporating all deviations made during execution. It is the primary responsibility of field officer to prepare working estimate with all deviations executed. But he failed to prepare the working estimate and submit the higher authorities.

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross negiligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

CHARGE 4:

That Sri N.Ravi Kumar, while working as Assistant Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Medarametla, without following the agreement conditions, recorded and recommended bill for Rs.10.00 Lakhs to M/s. S.V.Associates, Hyderabad towards preparation of DPRs under NRDWP Scheme by colluding with SE and consultants to draw funds deposited by NHAI.

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BASIS:

As per the General Administration (Vig. & Enf.) Department Vigilance Report No.38 (C.No.1064/V&E/E2/2013), dt.06.05.2015, Sri N.Ravi Kumar, Asst. Engineer has submitted all estimates after making payment to the consultants in the month of 8/2013. No where the signatures of the consultant available on these estimates.

Further he recorded receipt of 42 estimates on 23.04.2013, as per agreement 80% payment is to be made after receiving DPR from the consultant. Agreement was concluded on 28.03.2013. But he submitted 1st and final bill with 100% payment only in the month of August/2013, whileSri RMR Dayal, Superintending Engineer, held Full Additional Charge as Executive Engineer, Ongole. Moreover technical sanctions for 3 works were accorded in the month of January/2014 as verified from the estimates submitted by the field officers 1/2014. This clearly shows that he recorded and recommended bills for consultants under NRDWP grant by colluding with Superintending Engineer/Consultants to draw NHAI deposited funds. He added sales tax while recommending payment in violation of agreement conditions.

As verified from three sanctioned estimates it could he understood that these estimates are prepared by departmental officers only. Though these estimates are prepared and sanctioned in 1/2014 Sri N.Ravi Kumar, Assistant Engineer recorded and recommended for 100% payment in the month of 8/2013 for payment to consultant in a view to draw funds illegally and caused a loss of Rs.10.00 Lakhs to Government Exchequer.

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI N.RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN ASSISTANT ENGINEER, RWS&S SD CHIMAKURTHY, PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW WORKING AS ASST. ENGINEER (FAC), RWS&S, MEDARAMETLA PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

From the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vigilance Report No.38, dt.06.05.2015.

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI N.RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN ASSISTANT ENGINEER, RWS&S SD CHIMAKURTHY, PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW WORKING AS ASST. ENGINEER (FAC), RWS&S MEDARAMETLA, PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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